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Dear Friends,

As we approach a significant day that honors the most important people in our lives, let us remember to shower them with love, respect, and admiration. It was 10 years ago I lost my mom and each day I miss her more and more. I often reminisce of the wonderful times we shared and the words of wisdom she imparted to me. Those words have given me the tools necessary to be a responsible person. With that said, I give tribute to all the mothers, especially my dear mother, Chequita, I wish you a very special Happy Mother's Day!

Milwaukee County Board Committees

Economic & Community Development

Health & Human Needs

Transportation, Public Works, & Transit

Community Memberships

Youth Sports Authority Board

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council

Appointed Committees

Wisconsin Counties Association Constitution Committee

National Association of Young Black Elected Officials (NAYBEO) Chairwoman of Health and Human Service Committee

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*****Informational Session on Voter ID Part II*****

Monday, May 2, 2011 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Morse-Marshall School 4141 N. 64th Street

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- ❖ Growing Power to create 150 new jobs for African American Males
- ❖ Chris Abele sworn in as new Milwaukee County Executive
- ❖ 2nd District Town Hall Meeting
- ❖ Great American Cleanup 2011

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Informational Session on Voter ID Part I

On Monday, March 28, the National Coalition 100 Black Women Milwaukee Chapter, and I hosted an informational session on proposed Voter ID legislation. This was the first of a three informational sessions that detail the devastating impact that the Voter ID Bill would have on residents of Milwaukee County. Guest panelist from the Milwaukee community included Attorney James Hall -National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Rhonda Edwards- Willette - Organizer 9 to 5 Milwaukee, Mary Kae Nelson – President of the League of Women Voters, Ralph Hollmon- President of the Milwaukee Urban League, and Chris Ahmuty- Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Panelist provided the audience insight and advice on Governor Walker’s proposed Voter ID Bill and offered their advice on how the bill would impact Milwaukee County residents. Mike

Wilder, a Milwaukee County resident who attended the informational session stated, “This informational session was very worthwhile attending. For those worried about their rights this informational session was a nonpartisan group that informed the public. Tonight was not about a political agenda, but rather a non-partisan agenda that this Voter ID bill is not good for this State.” The Voter ID bill, currently under consideration by the State Legislature, attempts to suppress the voices of people in Wisconsin. Our community must come together, find logical solutions, and stop this assault on voter rights in our State. Part II of the informational session will focus on the elderly, the disabled, veterans, college students and minority groups. The session will take place on Monday, May 2 at Morse-Marshall School 4141 N. 64th Street. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Growing Power to Create 150 new jobs for African American Males

Growing Power Inc. has been awarded \$425,000 to build 150 hoop house gardens on vacant land in the city. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett recently signed legislation with unanimous support by Milwaukee's Common Council, creating 150 new jobs that will be filled by unemployed people in Milwaukee. For more information on this story, please [click here](#)

Chris Abele sworn in as new Milwaukee County Executive

On Monday, April 25, Chris Abele was sworn in as the new Milwaukee County Executive. Abele, who defeated Jeff Stone, won with more than 60% of the vote during the April 5th election. He takes over the position previously held by Governor Scott Walker. He is committed to not raising taxes, implementing a real jobs strategy for Milwaukee County, and proposing a merger of City and County economic development offices. Chris Abele is a business owner, civic leader and community advocate. He has worked and will continue to strengthen Milwaukee County by helping build and grow programs in education, the environment, community development, health services and the arts. Chris is also a champion of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. I look forward to working with Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. Welcome Aboard!

2nd District Town Hall Meeting

On Wednesday, **May 11, 2011** at 6pm, the 2nd District Town Hall meeting will occur at **Parklawn YMCA 4340 N. 46th Street**. As your elected Milwaukee County representative, it is extremely important that I continue to keep my finger on the pulse of the community. If you are not able to attend feel free to contact me at my office, 278-4278, and let me know what issues are important to you. Thank you for all of your support and input. I look forward to hearing from you soon. To view the town hall postcard [click here](#).



Left: Milwaukee County Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris listens to 2nd District Resident Bipin Chawda during the April Town Hall meeting at Parklawn YMCA.

Right: Milwaukee County Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris speaks with Parklawn YMCA Director Michael Carter during the April Town Hall meeting at Parklawn YMCA.



Left: Rose Pritchett discusses some concerns with Milwaukee County Supervisor Nikiya Q. Harris after the conclusion of April's Town Hall meeting at Parklawn YMCA.



Great American Cleanup 2011

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual organized cleanup and beautification event. It encourages citizens to get involved with their own communities. Last year, more than 48,000 volunteers participated in the Great American cleanup in the Milwaukee area alone. This year, the Great American Cleanup began on March 1st and runs until May 31st. Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful will host this

year's cleanup program throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. There are many ways to get involved in the Great American Cleanup. You can organize your own neighborhood park area, be a volunteer or a Site Coordinator. For more information regarding the Great American Cleanup or to get involved in Keep Great Milwaukee Beautiful, please [click here](#).